

## TWENTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS,

FIRST SESSION.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1843.

### SENATE.

Mr. CRITTENDEN asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files the papers of Mrs. Mary Zantinger.

### OREGON.

Mr. BENTON presented a petition for the protection and occupation of the Oregon Territory. Mr. ATCHISON also one of like purport.

### GEN. E. P. GAINES.

Mr. JARNAGIN presented the resolutions of the Legislature of Tennessee, complaining of Army order No. 40 as having done great injustice to that officer. Mr. J. said he would introduce a bill to carry out the views of the Legislature as contained in those resolutions.

### REPORTS.

Mr. CRITTENDEN, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made a favorable report upon the claims of Massachusetts for disbursements in the last war.

Mr. BERRIEN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, a bill for the relief of Isaac Hillsby.

Mr. FAIRFIELD, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill; which, with the others, was ordered to be printed.

### RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. BARROW called, by resolution, on the President to furnish such information in reference to claims on Mexico as he possessed, if the same was compatible with public interest.

Mr. BENTON also called upon that functionary to give the Senate information relative to Lieutenant Buel's trial by court martial.

The Senate held a short Executive session, and adjourned until Tuesday.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The journal of yesterday stating that Mr. J. Q. Adams was called to order for "offensive remarks," Mr. A. desired the correction made, as it was for "irrelevancy" he was called to order.

The journal was amended, so as to state the particulars of the call to order.

Mr. FRENCH, of Ky., took occasion to set himself right in matters wherein the newspapers of the morning had misstated his remarks.

### SLAVERY.

The unfinished business was the joint resolution of last winter's (Democratic) Massachusetts Legislature, in reference to slave representation.

Mr. ADAMS desired to be heard. Five members on the other side had been heard by courtesy of the House, and he asked a similar privilege.

A variety of objections and questions were raised from different quarters.

Mr. J. R. INGERSOLL endeavored to get in a resolution making the subject the order of this day, as it was one of great importance; but the resolution was crowded down. Finally, a motion was made to suspend the rules, so as to allow Mr. A. leave to speak. The yeas and nays were called, and by a large vote of two-thirds, Mr. A. had leave to address the House, which he did, in a masterly review of the proceedings of this body since he first attempted to discharge his duty in presenting the petitions in his possession.

In the course of his remarks, he yielded for explanations from Messrs. French of Ky., and Holmes of S. C. Mr. A. concluded his remarks with the affirmation, that he had spent his life in supporting the Constitution of the United States, and should continue so to do for the brief remainder of his days, and that he could see nothing indicative of a contrary purpose in the presentation of the resolutions of the Legislature of his State, proposing an amendment of this Constitution.

Mr. HOLMES desired leave to speak, but afterwards withdrew the request.

Mr. GIDDINGS desired leave to make a brief explanation. A motion to suspend the rules, to allow Mr. G. to speak, was taken by yeas and nays, and was rejected by 84 to 78.

Mr. BELSER, of Ala., then moved to lay the resolutions of the Massachusetts Legislature upon the table; and upon this motion the yeas and nays were called, and stood, yeas 64, noes 104—so this motion was lost.

Mr. BEARDSLEY then moved the reference of these resolutions to a select committee of nine, and this motion was agreed to.

Mr. ADAMS finished the presentation of his petitions, and thanked the House for allowing him to do so.

A great number of petitions were then presented, and the States were called through.

Among the petitions were many praying for a "reduction of postage;" and in one, presented by Mr. CARROLL of N. Y., the petitioners state that it costs a little more to carry a letter from Geneva to some other place, two hundred miles distant, than it does to carry a barrel of flour the same distance.

Several Executive communications were received and referred.

On motion, the House adjourned to meet again on Tuesday next at 12 o'clock.

**SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**—The Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of New York, will preach in the Second Presbyterian Church, New York Avenue, between 13th and 14th streets, to-morrow afternoon, at three o'clock. The pastor of the church, Rev. Jas. Knox, will preach in the morning at eleven o'clock. The public are invited to attend.

**COLUMBIA TYPOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.**—A special meeting of this society will be held on Saturday evening, December 23, at the usual place, for the purpose of making arrangements for celebrating the anniversary of the Association.

By order of the President:  
JAS. WIMER, Rec'g Sec'y.

**ST. MATTHEW'S FAIR AT CARUSI'S SALOON.**—On Wednesday evening, the 20th inst., the Ladies of St. Matthew's congregation will open for sale a large and splendid assortment of fancy and useful articles. Every kind of refreshment and of confectionary will be on hand at all hours of the day and evening. To add to the interesting interest of the occasion, among several new and unusual sources of amusement, two may be particularly noted for their novelty and interest: The Spanish Gypsy in her wild tent, and the newly imported Automaton Dancer, Mons. Petits Pas, both of whom will exhibit their peculiar skill on each evening during the Fair.

Admission 12 cents. Open from 10 A. M., till 10 P. M.

**CIDER, CIDER.**—30 bbls. Newark Cider, prime quality, just received and for sale by  
dec 21—eodt SAMUEL BACON & CO.

## ARRIVALS AT THE PRINCIPAL HOTELS.

DECEMBER 22, 1843.

**INDIAN QUEEN (BROWN'S) HOTEL.**  
George Hood, Phila.; John B. Brooke, William H. Tuck, William L. Gaither, R. W. Bowie, Md.; J. B. Smith, Del.; R. C. Edwards, Alfred Waite, N. Y.; E. S. Gayle, Portsmouth, Va.; W. B. Huggins, Norfolk, Va.; Capt. B. D. Clark, Balt.

**CITY (FULLER'S) HOTEL.**  
Mr. Williams, Mich.; J. Ladrano, D. C.; D. Haydon, La.

**EUROPEAN (GALABRUN'S) HOTEL.**  
Augustine de Turbide, Phila.

**EXCHANGE (TYLER'S) HOTEL.**  
Mr. Baden, Md.; S. H. Beall, N. Y.; S. W. Pine, M. Kellogg, Jr., Conn.

**TEMPERANCE (SEER'S) HOTEL.**  
E. Connell, N. Y.; H. W. Cleveland, Balt.; W. C. Edwards, Phila.; P. Melic, J. Drake, N. E. Emms, N. J.

**VIRGINIA (SWEETING'S) HOTEL.**  
Mr. Carper, S. Dodd, J. Rodgers, J. Whaley, Va.

### MARRIAGE.

On the 19th instant, by the Rev. Mr. ATKINSON, Mr. JOSEPH KENNEDY, late of Washington, to Miss SARAH B. MENG, daughter of CHAS. MENG, Esq., of Moss Hill, Prince William county, Virginia.

### DEATH.

In this city, on the morning of the 21st instant, Mr. WILLIAM RADCLIFF, in the 21st year of his age.

## MARINE JOURNAL.

### PORT OF GEORGETOWN.

DECEMBER 22, 1843.

#### ARRIVED.

Sch'r Stafford, Gibson, from Alexandria, bricks to P. Haveren, Washington.

Sch'r Cygnat, Wheaton, Stafford, timber to Miller & Duval.

### NATIONAL THEATRE—WASHINGTON.

Lessee, Mr. EMERY.

Prices of Admission.—Box \$1; Second Tier 50 cents; Gallery 25 cents.

Last night of the Celebrated Italian Opera Troupe from the Havana.

Seats can be secured between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M.

On Saturday evening, December 23, 1843, will be presented, at the earnest solicitation of numerous parties, Bellini's celebrated opera of

### NORMA.

For characters, &c., see bills of the day.

### APOLLO HALL,

OPEN EVERY DAY AND EVENING.

**GRAND EXHIBITION OF STATUARY,** representing the trial of our Saviour before Pontius Pilate, in a group of Twenty-three Figures the Size of Life, splendidly dressed in appropriate costume. Admission 25 cents; children half price. Schools in a body admitted at a low rate. dec 21—3t

**PRESENTS FOR CHRISTMAS—J. P. McKEAN** (Mrs. Rockendorff's old stand) takes this opportunity of returning his thanks for the very liberal patronage that has been extended to him, and he now respectfully invites the attention of his friends and the citizens generally to give him a call in their selection of Christmas presents, as he has just opened a supply of fresh French and other Confection, consisting of several new patterns of Bonbons and other articles. Also, a variety of Fancy Boxes, some very handsome, which will be sold at moderate prices, as he wishes to dispose of them the present season. He has likewise prepared and will continue to make a general assortment of Cakes, Candies, Jellies, &c., and all orders promptly filled; and he assures his friends and the public that the articles shall be well made, and of the best materials, as he uses no other. dec 23—3tif

**LOST!** by a boy on Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning, two five dollar notes, believed to be on one of the banks of Virginia. The finder shall have a liberal share by leaving it at the office of the Whig Standard. dec 23—2t

**PORTO RICO SUGARS.**—50 hhds. of prime quality, for sale by  
dec 23—3tif WM. FOWLE & SONS, Alexandria.

**VALUABLE BOOKS FOR SALE.**—The subscriber offers for sale the following valuable books:

One set of the Journals of Congress from the commencement to the present time

One set American State Papers, complete

One set Gales & Seaton's Debates, from commencement as far as printed.

The above books will be sold to any person wanting them at very low prices, for cash.

JOHN A. BLAKE, Bookbinder, Penn. av., opposite Fuller's City Hotel.

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.** Extra super French and English port folios; richest styles of carved pearl, ivory, and agate seals; a splendid assortment of note papers, plain, gilt, embossed, and lace bordered; do. do. envelopes of numerous sizes and patterns; pearl and ivory carved toppers of richest patterns; ladies' work boxes; fancy sealing wax; motto wafers in boxes; assorted mottoes; card cases of carved ivory and pearl, of the richest style of patterns; cards for baskets; perforated and Bristol boards; and plain and embossed visiting cards; dissected maps, and games of new patterns. Together with a general assortment of the most superior stationery ever offered in the city.

For sale by  
dec 22—6t WM. F. BAYLY, Agent for Herrick and Blunt, Penn. Av. between 11 and 12th sts.

**PORTER'S CHEMICAL OIL, CAMPHINE, AND PINE OIL.**—The subscriber has just received per schooner Sturges, from New York, a large supply of the above named articles of the very best quality, which he offers for sale. Also a lot of empty casks.  
dec 21—1w E. F. BUCKINGHAM, Druggist, Cor. Penn. av. and 12th sts.

**WINE STORE,** Pennsylvania avenue, south side, between 4th and 6th streets. —JOHN H. BUTHMANN respectfully invites the attention of members of Congress, strangers, and citizens generally to a list of choice and pure Wines and Liquors, &c.

Champagne from the House of P. A. Mumm & Co., Reims, the best imported into the United States; also, Anchor and other brands

Madeira, Brown and Pale Sherry, in bottles and in wood, of various grades and different houses, old and choice

Port, Rhine wines, Moselle, Sauterne, Vin de Grave, Claret, and a variety and complete assortment of other wines

Pure Cognac and other Brandy

Holland Gin, Jamaica Rum

Finest quality Havana Cigars, fancy Groceries, &c. offered at very moderate prices.

Printed catalogues of the different articles at his store.  
dec 21—3t HENRY M. PAINE & Co.

**NEW CHEAP GROCERY STORE.**—The undersigned most respectfully informs his old friends and the public in general that he has commenced a regular family grocery store in the rooms under the Apollo Hall, the goods having been selected in New York with great care, and now received, consisting of fresh Teas, Coffees, &c. of the finest quality.

**Teas.**—Imperial fine and extra fine, Gunpowder fine and extra fine, Young Hyson and Pouchong, all fresh.

**Coffees.**—Old Java, Maricao, Rio and other kinds, all fresh and cheap.

**Sugars.**—Loaf, lump and brown Sugar, very cheap.

**Spices.**—Cloves, Cinnamon, Alspice, Ginger, and superior pepper ground and in bottles.

**Flour.**—Superior Ohio, New York, and Buckwheat.

**Liquors.**—Old French Brandy that can't be beat, H. Gin, superior old Rye Whiskey, Wines, &c.

**Cigars.**—A lot of superior Spanish cigars.

**Brooms.**—Fifty dozen brooms and wicks, painted buckets, keelers, crockery, glass and other ware, together with a great variety of articles entirely too numerous to mention—so cross over old friends, and take a peep at the Apollo Store Rooms, and I assure you, for the ready, you will find them hard to beat.

dec 21—2w WM. MORROW.

**LOOK HERE.**—Persons suffering from colds, Coughs, &c., can be supplied with

Pease's Hoarhound Candy

Brown's Bonnet Candy

McCulling's Syrup of May Apple and Wild Cherry

Swayne's Syrup of Wild Cherry

Jayne's Tonic Expectorant

Covatt's Balm of Life

Thompson's Life Preserver

Wistar's Cough Lozenges

Sherman's Cough Lozenges

Peters' Cough Lozenges

by calling on  
C. H. JAMES, Corner 14th and E streets.

Where may also be found a full and general assortment of Drugs, Medicines, Perfumery, Fancy Articles, Brushes, Combs, &c.; all which are sold low for cash or to punctual customers.

dec 18—

**TO THE LADIES!**—Jules Haul's celebrated Eau Lustrale, for preserving and beautifying the hair, and giving it a fine gloss. For sale by  
C. H. JAMES, Corner 14th and E streets.

dec 18—

**TO THE GENTLEMEN.**—Jules Haul's celebrated Ambrosial Cream for shaving

Ring Verbena Cream

Naples Shaving Soap (in pots)

Military Shaving Soap

Naples Saponaceous Compound

Crema d'Amande Amis

Guerlain's Ambrosial Cream.

And a variety of others, for sale by  
C. H. JAMES, Corner 14th and E streets.

dec 18—

**THE subscriber keeps constantly on hand a general assortment of the following goods: BRUSHES, HARDWARE, CUTLERY, CEDAR WARE, BASKETS, CASTINGS, WOOD BOWLS, &c., comprising almost every useful article which housekeepers stand in need; all of which are offered at fair prices.**

dec 21—1w GEO. SAVAGE, Penn. av. near 9th st.

**OMNIBUS FOR ALEXANDRIA.**—An omnibus leaves Newton's Hotel, Alexandria, for Washington, every morning at 9 o'clock. Returning, it will leave John West's tavern in Washington, daily, for Alexandria, at 4 P. M. And so continue until further notice. Fare 25 cents.

dec 21— HENRY CHATHAM.

**SOUTH LEICESTER, MASS., Dec. 15th 1843.**

To R. PATTEN:—Sir: A correspondent has forwarded us a copy of the Whig Standard, wherein we find some remarks relative to the merits of Spectacle lenses; and as your signature is attached to the article, we take the liberty to reply to it as an emanation from your own optical knowledge. You have come out before an enlightened community with a dissertation on visual optics, in which you have chosen to make mention of the Periscop or Parabola lenses, in such a manner, that, admitting your statements to be correct, we must be impostors. We now assert that your borrowed knowledge in optics has led you into a tissue of false assertions and untenable assumptions. Your remarks on the surfaces of Meniscus lenses, would argue that a sphere can be more spherical. The mention of a "greater degree of sphericity," when the subject-matter under discussion is a sphere, is too absurd for a moment's investigation. Your assertion "that no Ellipses can converge the rays of light to a perfect focus," is false, and must be predicated through your lamentable ignorance of the subject you have attacked. Permit me to inform you, sir, that, when a section of an ellipsoid of revolution, whose semi-transverse axis and eccentricity satisfy a given proportion, is obtained, parallel rays will be converged to a perfect focus. And as to your statement that Meniscus lenses converge rays "the same as double convex lenses," allow us to remark that in no case is the action of the lenses the same. The proprietor of any school book on optics, will explain this to your satisfaction. You quote "Dr. Brewster on the Meniscus lens." The Dr. was an European optician, and consequently infallible. Nevertheless, we contend that Meniscus lenses whose surfaces bear a proper proportion to each other are correctors of Chromatic and spherical aberration. Were the eye placed in the one foci of the spectacles and the object viewed in the other, any lens of imperfect curvature would give a distorted figure. And double convex lenses always do; but the eye is never, in the use of spectacles, used in such positions: the rays received through the lens are parallel as those that enter the object-glass of a telescope; and the eye, always being far within the foci of the lens, is not sensible of aberration—Chromatic or otherwise. In this view of the case, the learned Doctor's remarks have no force. You ask—"Is it not preposterous to apply a piece of bent glass to the eye?" In this question—you assume that our glass is bent—you dared not assert that they were bent; though you no doubt intended to have your remarks convey such an idea. Our glasses are not bent into their form; they are ground into the form in which they are sold; and, in reply to your comment on their evil tendency in long use, I would refer you to Professor Silliman, Dr. McLellan, and a host of scientific men, whose names have been cheerfully tendered us and can be seen at our agent's office. If you had been at all conversant in optics, you would never have made the assertion, at the close of your article, that "the general conviction is that double convex and concave lenses are the best for the eye."

Those forms have been worn from necessity; and even European opticians have exhausted their ingenuity to produce the form you have taken upon you to repudiate. Years of toil has been consumed by us to produce the parabola curve. We are Americans, who acknowledge no superior in our art, in the old world; nor have we gleaned our knowledge from its masters. With our own hands have we fashioned according to our own minds, and the result is before the public. We have produced an article that the genius of Europe attempted in vain. Our lenses of all kinds bid defiance, in density of material, and brilliancy of finish, to all competitors; and when an optician attacks their reputation, we will be ready to give the rationale of their action.

dec 21—eodt HENRY M. PAINE & Co.

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.

The subscriber has lately received, in addition to his former stock, a large assortment of Catholic and Episcopal Prayer Books, elegantly bound in Turkey Morocco, and gilt, suitable for presents.

Also, a large assortment of Juvenile Books, suitable for presents, that has ever been offered in this city, which will be sold at very low prices.

R. FARNHAM, cor. 11th street and Penn. av.

dec 21—

**BONSET CANDY, FOR COUGHS, COLDS, &c.**—Brown's Compound Bonset Candy, composed of a large number of vegetable materials, all of which are excellent of themselves, for the cure of coughs, colds, spitting of blood, &c.; 100 pounds this day received, at  
dec 19 GILMAN'S Drug Store.

**FOREIGN AND AMERICAN SNUFFS.**—I have just received a very large supply of foreign, and American Snufts, embracing the largest assortment ever offered for sale in this city, named, in part, as follows:

AMERICAN.

216 pounds American Gentleman

240 Genuine Congress

211 Imitation do

237 Demi Gros

312 Guignon

800 Yellow, brown, and black Rappee

456 Plain unscented do

250 Lancaster do

350 Macabau do

184 Imitation do

120 Fine Scotch

20 do No 1 and 2, in bottles

167 Natchitoches

12 dozen do in bottles

FOREIGN.

10 dozen Macabau de la Martinique de chez Jos. Lamorelle

3 Hardham's No. 9 and 27, in lead

3 Veritable Rapé de Paris sans opprét

1 Friburg & Freyer's Mages, in tin

2 Bolongoro Borgis, Rappee Morocco

The above Snufts, with a large stock of Cigars, Fancy Articles, Perfumery, &c., were selected by myself from the principal American and importing houses in New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, and are offered for sale as cheap as any store in this city.

JAMES M. DORSETT, Suuff, Tobacco, and Fancy Store, No 11, east of Gadsby's Hotel.

dec 9

**YEAST SUBSTITUTE,** superior in every respect to the ordinary Yeast now in use, for making Rolls, Buckybeat Cakes, Loaf Bread, &c., for sale, with directions for use, at  
GILMAN'S Drug store.

nov 27

**TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND OTHERS.** The Proprietor of the EXCHANGE HOTEL respectfully informs Members of Congress and strangers, that he is prepared at all times to furnish dinners and suppers for parties, at reasonable prices, and at short notice, having every convenience for that purpose.

dec 12—4t THOMPSON TYLER.

**HOME INDUSTRY.**—J. MAGUIRE, Hat Manufacturer, Seventh street, opposite the Patriotic Bank, has for sale a good assortment of splendid Moteskin, Cassimere, Nutria Beaver, Plain Russia, and Silk Hats of the latest fashion of his own make and finish, which he warrants equal in style, finish, and quality, to any imported, and at the lowest possible prices. Those disposed to encourage their own mechanics, will please give him a call and judge for themselves. All kinds of muffs, furs, and caps of every style and quality sold very cheap.

Five rooms above the store for rent. They will be furnished, if preferred. nov 24—1m

**PERFUMERY AND FANCY ARTICLES.** German and French Cologne Water, Hair and Tooth Brushes, Combs, assorted Extracts &c. &c.—Just received at  
dec 6 GILMAN'S Drug Store.

**SPECTACLES.**—My attention has been called to an article in the public papers and circulated in handbills about this city, called Periscop Spectacles, said to be constructed in accordance with the philosophy of nature, in the form of a Concavo-Convex Ellipsoid. What is meant by the philosophy of nature may be hard to tell, but certainly they are at variance from the laws or principles of Optics, as certainly no Ellipsoid can converge the rays of light to a perfect focus. They are said not to be the French meniscus or Wollaston's periscop (one and the same construction of glasses.) The meniscus lens is a truly ground surface, concave on one side; the other side, possessing a greater degree of sphericity, consequently becomes a magnifying glass. This species of glass will converge the rays of light the same as a double convex lens. The application of this form of lenses in the shape of Spectacles, gives the eye a greater field of vision.

The celebrated Dr. Brewster, in speaking of these Spectacles says that they give decidedly more imperfect visions than common spectacles, because they increase both the aberration of figure and of color; but they may be of use in a crowded city in warning us of the oblique approach of objects. Now, as spectacles are intended to assist nature, and the eye, the most perfect masterpiece of Divine Mechanism, (in its natural state,) every part has a very form and office which the laws of optics require for the most perfect vision of an object. Is it not preposterous to apply a piece of bent concave or convex glass without true form or figure to its assistance? On the contrary, it is not reasonable to conclude that their continued use would destroy the eye entirely? Spectacles are probably the most ancient of all optical instruments, and yet has undergone the least change of any. The subject has been well considered by Opticians throughout all Europe for ages, and the general conviction is that a truly ground concave or convex lens is the most suitable for assisting decaying or unnatural visions of the human eye. R. PATTEN.

The subscribers have for sale at their manufactory, on Pennsylvania avenue, south side, between 10th and 11th streets, a general assortment of the best of Spectacles, with truly ground glasses. Glasses of the best quality fitted to old frames, &c. Also, Surveyor's Compasses, Levels, and Drawing Instruments, of the best quality.

R. PATTEN & SON. Instruments made to order, and warranted.

dec 9—1m

**A CARD.**—The subscriber respectfully informs his friends and customers that their accounts will all be rendered to them on the 1st January next, and he earnestly hopes that all will be prepared to settle the same, either by cash, or notes at very short dates. This is absolutely necessary, in order to enable him to meet engagements that are upon him, and which he can only do by realizing what is due to him. Those, especially, whose accounts have been long due, will confer a great favor by being ready to settle the same when called upon.

C. H. JAMES, Corner 14th and E streets.

dec 15—dJL

**OIL BLACKING, &c.**—If you want dry foe all winter, prepare your boots and shoes with Leather Preservative or Oil Blacking, which will render the leather soft, make it more durable, and entirely impervious to water. It is also excellent for carriage tops, harness, &c. It can be had at  
GILMAN'S Drug Store, near Brown's Hotel.

nov 8—1m

## CIRCULATE THE DOCUMENTS.

### "FACTS FOR THE PEOPLE"

We have now in the course of preparation a SERIES OF TRACT